

## Notice of Allowability

### Application No.

10/738,379

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to this amendment filed 12/29/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-9.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>12/29/2005</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                                 | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert Lauson on 3/31/2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

#### In the TITLE

The title of the application has been changed from "SNAP-ON LEASH HOLDER/CLIP WHICH IS AFFIXED TO A SURFBOARD LEASH AND CLAMPS THE LEASH ONTO ANOTHER SECTION OF ITSELF TO PREVENT UNRAVELING AND ALSO PERFORMS THE EXACT SAME FUNCTION ON ANY POWER OR EXTENSION CORD" to -- **Clip for Surfboard Leash** --.

#### In the CLAIMS

- Claim 6 has been canceled.
- In Claim 7, after "surfboard leash of", "6" has been changed to -- 9 --

#### The following NEW CLAIM has been added.

**Claim 9. (New) A clip for a surfboard leash, comprising:**

**a primary sleeve having an elongate body with an annular channel therethrough and secured about a length of the surfboard leash, wherein the primary sleeve is split**

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into first and second halves along the elongate body, the halves being connected by a hinge along first sides of the halves for pivotal movement between open and closed positions and selectively connected by a latching mechanism along second sides of the halves, the halves when secured about the surfboard leash in the closed position tightly gripping the leash to prevent slippage relative the primary sleeve; and

an elongate outer sleeve having a generally C shaped cross section and attached to one of the halves of the primary sleeve, wherein the outer sleeve is sized to receive in an interference fit and retain the surfboard leash without movement relative the outer sleeve, whereby the body of the primary sleeve is installed on a first portion of the leash and the leash wrapped around the board and the outer sleeve used to engage a second portion of the leash thereby preventing the leash from unraveling.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay Vasudeva whose telephone number is (703) 306-5992. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 1:00 pm--5:30 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joe Morano can be reached on (703) 308-0230. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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